

HOUSE BILL NO. 564

INTRODUCED BY WITT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE MONTANA AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM OF THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS TO A QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO RETAIN THE RIGHT TO RECLAIM OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY AT NO COST TO THE STATE IF THE PROPERTY CEASES TO BE USED AS AN AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM; AMENDING SECTION 23-1-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 23-1-109, MCA, is amended to read:

"23-1-109. Establishment of Montana agricultural center and museum of the Northern Great Plains. There is a Montana agricultural center and museum of the Northern Great Plains located in Fort Benton. The department of fish, wildlife, and parks shall ~~have jurisdiction, custody, and control of~~ acquire the center and museum, but the department may lease the facility to a qualified local government entity or nonprofit corporation or transfer ownership of the facility to a qualified local government entity for less than fair market value for so long as the local government entity or nonprofit corporation, as applicable, provides for development, operation, and maintenance of the center and museum without cost to the state of Montana. As part of any transfer of ownership of the facility, the department of fish, wildlife, and parks retains the right to reclaim ownership of the property at no cost to the state if the property ceases to be used as an agricultural center and museum for more than 1 year."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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